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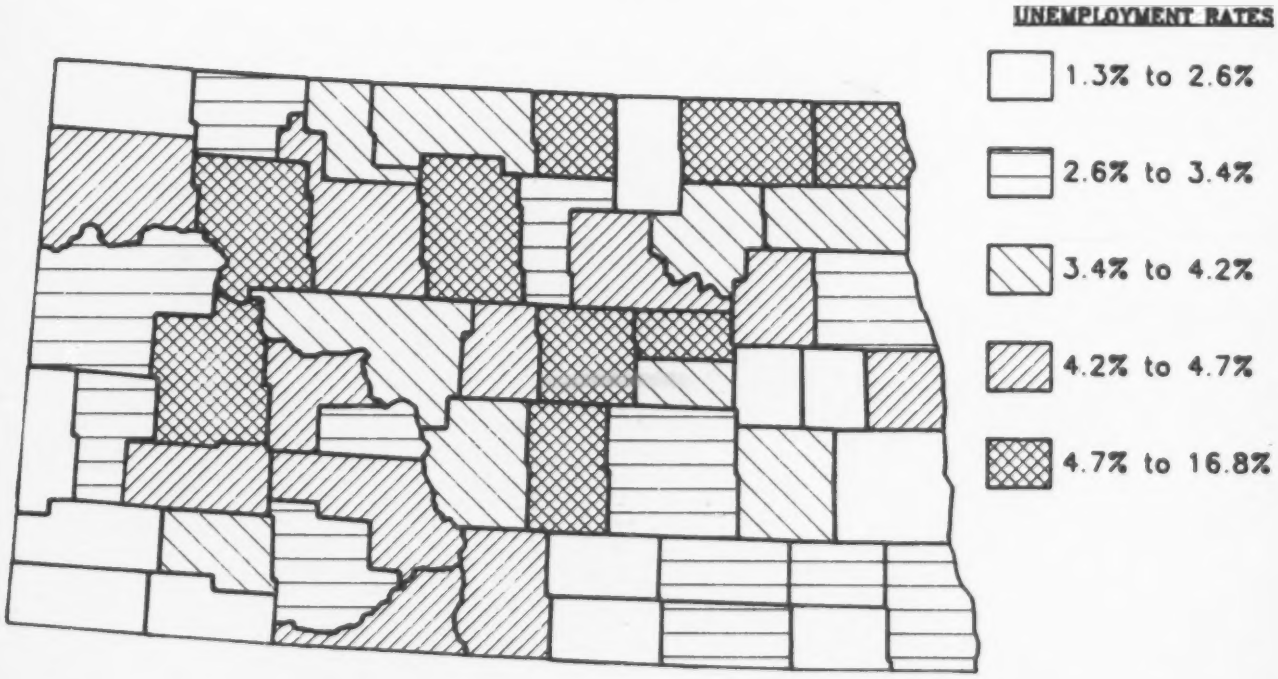

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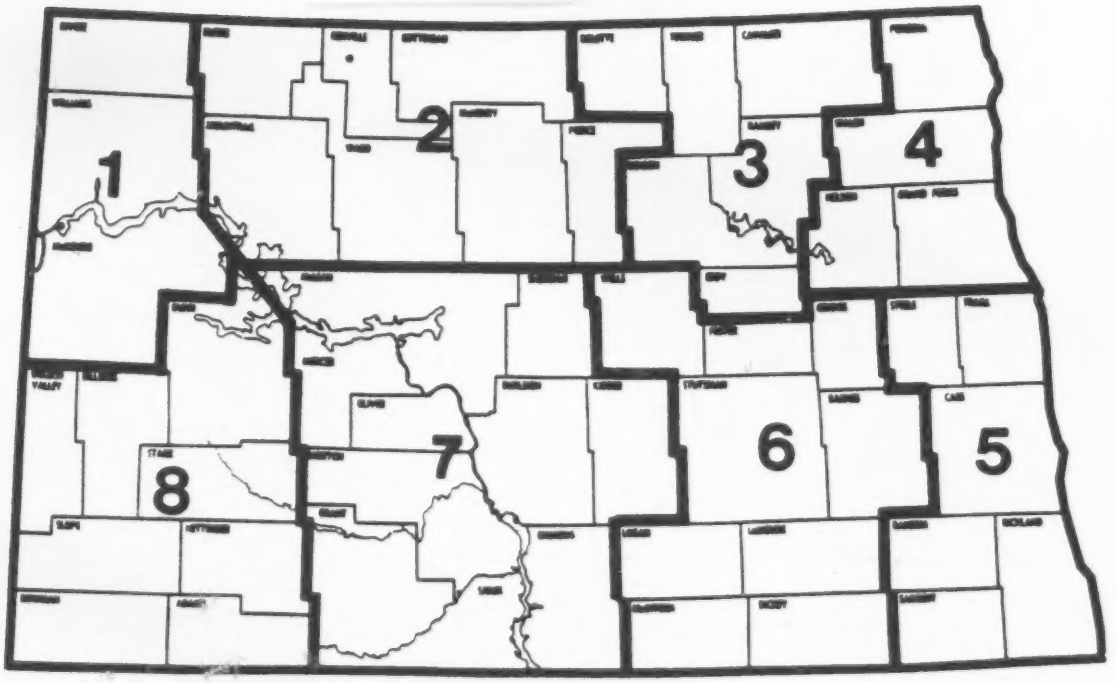

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AMERICAN TRIVIA

Every month this publication presents an article dealing with labor market information. It is always hoped that the information provided is timely, accurate, and of value to you, the reader. But statistics are often dry, humorless, bureaucratically stuffy, and a little boring. We thought that maybe it is time for something a little lighter, yet statistical in nature. The following items were gleaned from a publication known as In One Day by Tom Parker (Houghton Mifflin, 1984). All of the data pertain to Americans and are national in scope, except in a few instances where I found North Dakota data could be used. It is hoped that you find the following data informative yet relaxing. Enjoy.

IN ONE DAY.....

Americans take about 33 million photographs. To look at one day's worth of pictures would take you more than a year--allowing only one second for each picture.

Americans eat 143 million M&M candies (both plain and peanut). That is equivalent to almost 10 heaping shopping bags full of M&Ms every minute, or put another way, one shopping bag of M&Ms every six seconds.

Americans eat 17,800 pounds of buffalo meat.

Americans sell 750 tons of cauliflower.

We drink 1.5 million gallons of wine. To put all this liquid in one bottle would take a wine bottle 190 feet tall with a base 50 feet wide.

Americans eat 75 acres of pizza. If each pizza was the size of the Roman Colosseum, it would take 13 pizzas. This is enough pizza to cover 60 football fields.

We also eat 12.5 million pounds of cheese. About 85,000 pounds consists of blue cheese, another 700,000 pounds are cream cheese, while 650,000 pounds are Swiss cheese. The two leaders are cheddar and cottage cheese with 5.8 million pounds and 2.5 million pounds respectively.

We throw away or waste more than 200,000 tons of edible food. Try to box all this up and you would need a container that held 8 million cubic feet (a cube 200 feet on each side).

Americans write notes on one million new legal pads. If these pads were spread out on the ground, they would cover more than 14 acres.

We use 187,000 tons of paper and paperboard. If all this paper were made into newsprint, the paper would cover 1,350 square miles--roughly covering Kidder County.

Americans buy 35 million paper clips. This amounts to about 426 bushels. Of the 35 million, we only use about 7 million to clip paper. About 8 or 9 million are lost or swept up and thrown away, while 5 million are ruined while we talk on the telephone.

Americans use 271,000 tons of steel. If all this steel were used to make a solid nail, it would be the size of the Washington Monument.

We erect 31 acres of metal roofing and flashing. Thirty-one acres is about the same size as 10 miles of two-lane highway.

We also produce 33 million pounds of aluminum. If all of this aluminum were used to make foil, you would have 132 square miles of foil, enough to cover a little more than 1/7 of Rolette County.

IN ONE DAY.....(Continued)

About 480 people unsuccessfully try to call the President by telephone.

We also make 1,370,000 telephone calls for recorded messages about the weather. If each call was 30 seconds long, Americans would be spending more than one year's time each day listening to these weather messages.

Americans buy 178,000 pairs of shoes imported from Italy. Yet Italy only buys 3,250 pairs of shoes a day from us.

We do ship 10.5 million pairs of socks and stockings. If all these socks and stockings were hung on a clothesline, it would take 994 miles of line--roughly the distance between Bismarck and Seattle.

The United States experiences four earthquakes that are more than 2.5 on the Richter scale. At least one is strong enough to be felt by our citizens. California by itself has 40 tremors each day.

Lightning bolts strike the United States about 137,000 times. Lightning is responsible for killing 125 people each year and injuring 500 others.

We take more than 5 million amusement park rides. An average of two riders require treatment in a hospital emergency room afterwards.

About 1,500 Americans file for bankruptcy.

We buy 9,300 new water beds that require 1.6 million gallons of water to fill them. This is enough water to fill 3 Olympic-size swimming pools.

About 1,097 Americans have their pockets picked. Nearly 360 have their purses snatched, but 127 of these Americans hang onto their purses, foiling their attackers.

We buy 120,000 new radios. We have about 500 million working radios at present. If these radios were evenly divided among the 50 states, there would be one radio on every five acres of land.

Americans give birth to 196 pairs of twins.

We give off enough body heat to boil 140 million gallons of water.

We spend $1,000,000 on rental tuxedos.

Americans fill in about 30 million crossword puzzles.

We hope that the above facts provide a sense of what we, as Americans, are all about and illustrate the enormous resources necessary to keep our society functioning. I think Mr. Parker has a unique talent of taking dull facts and making them enjoyable. Have a good day!

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NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 1988	ONE YEAR AGO MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH APRIL 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR MAY 1987
TOTAL	257,400	252,950	255,100	1.8%	0.9%
MINING	4,250	4,150	4,000	2.4%	6.3%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,700	2,700	2,400	0.0%	12.5%
OTHER MINING	450	350	500	28.6%	-10.0%
CONSTRUCTION	10,200	8,200	11,600	24.4%	-12.1%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,600	2,200	2,800	18.2%	-7.1%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	2,800	1,700	3,400	64.7%	-17.6%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	4,800	4,300	5,400	11.6%	-11.1%
MANUFACTURING	15,950	15,850	15,550	0.6%	2.6%
DURABLE GOODS	6,650	6,600	6,600	0.8%	0.8%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	700	550	750	27.3%	-6.7%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	750	0.0%	6.7%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,000	4,000	3,800	0.0%	5.3%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,150	1,250	1,300	-8.0%	-11.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,250	8,950	0.5%	3.9%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,400	4,450	4,450	-1.1%	-1.1%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	750	750	6.7%	6.7%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,400	1,650	1,700	-15.2%	-17.6%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	450	300	350	50.0%	28.6%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,750	1,750	1,650	0.0%	6.1%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,300	0.0%	4.3%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,500	2,400	2,200	4.2%	13.6%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,600	16,400	16,300	1.2%	1.8%
TRANSPORTATION	8,500	8,400	8,300	1.2%	2.4%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,900	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4.3%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	0.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,300	3,300	3,200	0.0%	3.1%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,700	4,800	2.1%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH MAY 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 1988	ONE YEAR AGO MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH APRIL 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR MAY 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,800	19,600	19,700	1.0%	0.5%
DURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,200	9,100	1.1%	2.2%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,500	10,400	10,600	1.0%	-0.9%
RETAIL TRADE	49,200	48,300	48,600	1.9%	1.2%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,100	6,200	3.3%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	6,700	6,600	6,700	1.5%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,600	6,600	6,700	0.0%	-1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,000	26,400	26,400	2.3%	2.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,300	12,250	12,550	0.4%	-2.0%
FINANCE	6,600	6,600	6,900	0.0%	-4.3%
BANKING	4,100	4,100	4,200	0.0%	-2.4%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0%	-7.4%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	3,800	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,800	1,750	1,850	2.9%	-2.7%
SERVICES	63,200	63,000	60,600	0.3%	4.3%
LODGING	4,200	4,100	4,200	2.4%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,800	26,700	26,000	0.4%	3.1%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,700	19,600	19,200	0.5%	2.6%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,100	7,100	6,800	0.0%	4.4%
OTHER SERVICES	32,200	32,200	30,400	0.0%	5.9%
GOVERNMENT	65,900	65,200	66,200	1.1%	-0.5%
FEDERAL	10,100	10,100	10,200	0.0%	-1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	20,100	19,800	20,300	1.5%	-1.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,000	13,000	13,100	0.0%	-0.8%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,100	6,800	7,200	4.4%	-1.4%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,700	35,300	35,700	1.1%	0.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	17,900	17,900	17,900	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,800	17,400	17,800	2.3%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	MAY 1988	APRIL 1988	MAY 1987	APRIL 1988	MAY 1987
TOTAL	74,250	73,150	71,900	1.5%	3.3%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	3,700	3,000	3,700	23.3%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	4,950	4,950	4,900	0.0%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,850	2,850	2,800	0.0%	1.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,800	4,700	4,400	2.1%	9.1%
TRADE	21,700	21,400	21,100	1.4%	2.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,600	6,700	1.5%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	15,000	14,800	14,400	1.4%	4.2%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,400	0.0%	4.5%
SERVICES	19,900	20,000	19,000	-0.5%	4.7%
GOVERNMENT	14,600	14,500	14,400	0.7%	1.4%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
STATE & LOCAL	12,400	12,300	12,200	0.8%	1.6%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	30,800	30,300	30,700	1.7%	0.3%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,600	1,200	1,850	33.3%	-13.5%
MANUFACTURING	1,800	1,850	1,750	-2.7%	2.9%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,500	1,450	1,550	3.4%	-3.2%
TRADE	8,450	8,350	8,400	1.2%	0.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,550	1,500	0.0%	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	6,900	6,800	6,900	1.5%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,150	1,150	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,700	0.0%	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,400	9,400	9,300	0.0%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,250	36,800	36,750	1.2%	1.4%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,600	1,250	1,750	28.0%	-8.6%
MANUFACTURING	2,000	2,000	1,950	0.0%	2.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
TRADE	9,800	9,700	9,900	1.0%	-1.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,600	7,700	1.3%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,650	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	10,700	10,800	10,300	-0.9%	3.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,600	8,500	8,400	1.2%	2.4%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

	Annual Average 1987	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987	Percent Change From: April 1988	May 1987
All Items	113.6	117.5	117.1	113.1	0.3%	3.9%
Food & Beverage	113.5	117.1	116.7	113.3	0.3%	3.4%
Housing	114.2	117.7	117.3	113.6	0.3%	3.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	116.3	117.0	111.1	-0.6%	4.7%
Transportation	105.4	108.1	107.2	104.7	0.8%	3.2%
Medical Care	130.1	137.5	136.9	129.2	0.4%	6.4%
Entertainment	115.3	119.7	119.6	114.8	0.1%	4.3%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1987	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987	Percent Change From: April 1988	May 1987
All Commodities	102.8	106.5	105.8	102.6	0.7%	3.8%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	103.7	108.1	106.5	105.9	1.5%	2.1%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	106.1	105.6	101.9	0.5%	4.1%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	415.74	414.51	403.68	41.0	41.0	40.9	10.14	10.11	9.87
Durable Goods	446.01	444.11	431.60	41.8	41.7	41.5	10.67	10.65	10.40
Nondurable Goods	375.60	373.46	366.11	40.0	39.9	40.1	9.39	9.36	9.13
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	322.79	321.48	327.02	38.2	38.0	38.7	8.45	8.46	8.45
Durable Goods	357.86	345.79	356.53	40.3	39.7	40.7	8.88	8.71	8.76
Nondurable Goods	298.82	303.88	305.86	36.8	36.7	37.3	8.12	8.28	8.20
Food & Kindred	299.21	303.94	305.05	36.4	36.4	37.8	8.22	8.35	8.07
Printing and Publishing	265.33	263.33	258.41	31.4	31.2	30.8	8.45	8.44	8.39
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	317.53	314.25	318.57	37.4	37.5	37.7	8.49	8.38	8.45
Durable Goods	321.34	317.85	333.96	38.3	39.0	39.9	8.39	8.15	8.37
Nondurable Goods	314.03	312.31	306.72	36.6	36.4	36.0	8.58	8.58	8.52

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987
Divide	1,421	1,418	1,482	1,396	1,360	1,448	25	58	34	1.8%	4.1%	2.3%
McKenzie	2,954	2,904	3,148	2,858	2,784	2,933	96	120	215	3.2%	4.1%	6.8%
Williams	10,858	10,641	11,615	10,344	10,036	10,543	514	605	1,072	4.7%	5.7%	9.2%
REGION 1	15,233	14,963	16,245	14,598	14,180	14,924	635	783	1,321	4.2%	5.2%	8.1%
Bottineau	3,641	3,560	3,767	3,493	3,372	3,571	148	188	196	4.1%	5.3%	5.2%
Burke	1,395	1,352	1,511	1,347	1,298	1,405	48	54	106	3.4%	4.0%	7.0%
McHenry	2,771	2,814	2,909	2,557	2,475	2,626	214	339	283	7.7%	12.0%	9.7%
Mountrail	3,310	3,294	3,398	3,128	3,096	3,147	182	198	251	5.5%	6.0%	7.4%
Pierce	2,543	2,456	2,619	2,457	2,368	2,516	86	88	103	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
Renville	1,292	1,278	1,339	1,244	1,218	1,264	48	60	75	3.7%	4.7%	5.6%
Ward	25,670	25,312	25,857	24,556	23,974	24,565	1,114	1,338	1,292	4.3%	5.3%	5.0%
REGION 2	40,622	40,066	41,400	38,782	37,801	39,094	1,840	2,265	2,306	4.5%	5.7%	5.6%
Benson	3,153	3,145	3,335	3,012	2,968	3,016	141	177	319	4.5%	5.6%	9.6%
Cavalier	2,780	2,745	2,808	2,645	2,553	2,659	135	192	149	4.9%	7.0%	5.3%
Eddy	1,465	1,463	1,579	1,360	1,319	1,416	105	144	163	7.2%	9.8%	10.3%
Ramsey	6,650	6,545	6,777	6,411	6,234	6,436	239	311	341	3.6%	4.8%	5.0%
Rolette	4,837	4,830	5,137	4,026	3,937	4,438	811	893	699	16.8%	18.5%	13.6%
Towner	1,804	1,822	1,836	1,769	1,776	1,794	35	46	42	1.9%	2.5%	2.3%
REGION 3	20,689	20,550	21,472	19,223	18,787	19,759	1,466	1,763	1,713	7.1%	8.6%	8.0%
Grand Forks	37,395	36,591	37,031	36,171	35,335	35,821	1,224	1,256	1,210	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%
Nelson	1,954	1,979	2,035	1,862	1,848	1,937	92	131	98	4.7%	6.6%	4.8%
Pembina	5,045	4,995	5,115	4,742	4,590	4,713	303	405	402	6.0%	8.1%	7.9%
Walsh	8,036	7,970	8,113	7,745	7,611	7,757	291	359	356	3.6%	4.5%	4.4%
REGION 4	52,430	51,535	52,294	50,520	49,384	50,228	1,910	2,151	2,066	3.6%	4.2%	4.0%
Cass	61,011	60,317	60,037	59,815	58,766	58,402	1,196	1,551	1,635	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%
Ransom	2,746	2,720	2,764	2,671	2,621	2,699	75	99	65	2.7%	3.6%	2.4%
Richland	8,666	8,587	8,649	8,370	8,260	8,252	296	327	397	3.4%	3.8%	4.6%
Sargent	2,537	2,454	2,570	2,471	2,386	2,481	66	68	89	2.6%	2.8%	3.5%
Steele	1,220	1,183	1,253	1,192	1,141	1,195	28	42	58	2.3%	3.6%	4.6%
Traill	4,371	4,298	4,485	4,178	4,087	4,287	193	211	198	4.4%	4.9%	4.4%
REGION 5	80,551	79,559	79,758	78,697	77,261	77,316	1,854	2,298	2,442	2.3%	2.9%	3.1%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr 1988	May 1987
Barnes	6,144	6,000	6,208	5,909	5,737	5,983	235	263	225	3.8%	4.4%	3.6%
Dickey	3,200	3,168	3,375	3,092	3,030	3,230	108	138	145	3.4%	4.4%	4.3%
Foster	2,202	2,173	2,229	2,121	2,078	2,123	81	95	106	3.7%	4.4%	4.8%
Griggs	1,534	1,502	1,564	1,503	1,454	1,531	31	48	33	2.0%	3.2%	2.1%
La Moure	2,454	2,406	2,578	2,380	2,274	2,491	74	132	87	3.0%	5.5%	3.4%
Logan	1,462	1,454	1,509	1,429	1,408	1,471	33	46	38	2.3%	3.2%	2.5%
McIntosh	2,302	2,259	2,316	2,273	2,217	2,268	29	42	48	1.3%	1.9%	2.1%
Stutsman	12,089	12,175	12,215	11,726	11,674	11,701	363	501	514	3.0%	4.1%	4.2%
Wells	2,978	2,930	3,060	2,830	2,738	2,903	148	192	157	5.0%	6.6%	5.1%
REGION 6	34,365	34,067	35,054	33,263	32,610	33,701	1,102	1,457	1,353	3.2%	4.3%	3.9%
Burleigh	32,389	31,985	32,603	31,116	30,562	31,176	1,273	1,423	1,427	3.9%	4.4%	4.4%
Emmons	2,214	2,146	2,295	2,111	2,039	2,189	103	107	106	4.7%	5.0%	4.6%
Grant	1,989	1,922	2,032	1,923	1,856	1,955	66	66	77	3.3%	3.4%	3.8%
Kidder	1,546	1,555	1,613	1,465	1,423	1,503	81	132	110	5.2%	8.5%	6.8%
McLean	5,112	4,965	5,081	4,915	4,718	4,826	197	247	255	3.9%	5.0%	5.0%
Mercer	5,467	5,375	5,550	5,209	5,020	5,218	258	355	332	4.7%	6.6%	6.0%
Morton	11,920	11,900	11,998	11,400	11,198	11,423	520	702	575	4.4%	5.9%	4.8%
Oliver	1,144	1,104	1,158	1,109	1,043	1,108	35	61	50	3.1%	5.5%	4.3%
Sheridan	1,183	1,154	1,218	1,129	1,096	1,160	54	58	58	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%
Sioux	1,373	1,355	1,387	1,313	1,283	1,289	60	72	98	4.4%	5.3%	7.1%
REGION 7	64,337	63,461	64,935	61,690	60,238	61,847	2,647	3,223	3,088	4.1%	5.1%	4.8%
Adams	1,695	1,674	1,785	1,665	1,634	1,736	30	40	49	1.8%	[illegible]	2.7%
Billings	755	621	828	734	588	796	21	33	32	2.8%	[illegible]	3.9%
Bowman	2,143	2,114	2,212	2,096	2,048	2,121	47	66	91	2.2%	3.1%	4.1%
Dunn	1,756	1,741	1,860	1,655	1,597	1,712	101	144	148	5.8%	8.3%	8.0%
Golden Valley	1,025	1,011	1,069	1,005	979	1,041	20	32	28	2.0%	3.2%	2.6%
Hettinger	1,953	1,918	2,005	1,871	1,799	1,899	82	119	106	4.2%	6.2%	5.3%
Slope	443	456	481	433	429	448	10	27	33	2.3%	5.9%	6.9%
Stark	11,523	11,346	11,948	11,033	10,775	11,243	490	571	705	4.3%	5.0%	5.9%
REGION 8	21,293	20,881	22,188	20,492	19,849	20,996	801	1,032	1,192	3.8%	4.9%	5.4%
STATE TOTAL	329,520	325,082	333,346	317,265	310,110	317,865	12,255	14,972	15,481	3.7%	4.6%	4.6%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987	Percent Change From April 1988	Percent Change From May 1987
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	122,692	123,055	121,633	-0.3%	0.9%
Employment	115,909	116,445	114,060	-0.5%	1.6%
Unemployment	6,783	6,610	7,573	2.6%	-10.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.4%	6.2%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	329,530	325,080	333,350	1.4%	-1.1%
Employment	317,270	310,110	317,870	2.3%	-0.2%
Unemployment	12,260	14,970	15,480	-18.1%	-20.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.6%	4.6%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	87,230	86,500	85,430	0.8%	2.1%
Employment	85,300	83,870	82,680	1.7%	3.2%
Unemployment	1,930	2,630	2,750	-26.6%	-29.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	3.0%	3.2%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	37,390	36,600	37,030	2.2%	1.0%
Employment	36,170	35,340	35,820	2.3%	1.0%
Unemployment	1,220	1,260	1,210	-3.2%	0.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,310	43,890	44,600	1.0%	-0.7%
Employment	42,520	41,760	42,600	1.8%	-0.2%
Unemployment	1,790	2,130	2,000	-16.0%	-10.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.8%	4.5%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

APRIL 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	325.1	358.5	2,308.0	408.0
Employment	310.1	348.7	2,221.0	376.9
Unemployment	15.0	9.8	87.0	31.1
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	2.7%	3.8%	7.6%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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